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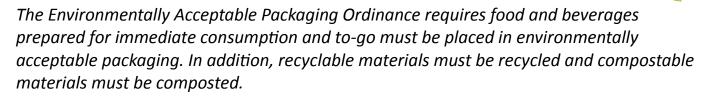


# **Green To Go**

**Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Ordinance** 

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### **KEY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE**



### WHO IS AFFECTED?

All people, businesses, events, or individuals who serve or give away food prepared for immediate consumption. This includes all restaurants; grocery store deli cases; food trucks and other mobile vendors; and temporary, short term and seasonal food vendors.

### WHEN DO PACKAGING CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE?

The ordinance goes into effect on Earth Day, April 22, 2015.

### WHAT IS PACKAGING?

Food or beverage cans, bottles, or containers used to package product for immediate consumption including glasses, cups, plates, serving trays, and to-go containers.

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE PACKAGING** is reusable, recyclable, or compostable.





### **EXEMPTIONS**

# Exempt from the ordinance:

- Knives, forks and spoons
- Straws
- · Stir sticks
- Foods prepackaged by the manufacturer, producer or distributor
- Plastic films less than 10 mils thick
- Catering companies licensed by the City of Minneapolis, another city or the state.
- Hospitals and Nursing Homes

# The following exemptions will be reviewed annually as required by the ordinance:

- PE lined paper products are allowed until April 22, 2017 (Earth Day) to allow for full city-wide implementation of organics collections.
   Cold cups are included in this exemption.
- Lids for Polyethylene (PE) lined hot cups and containers (such as soup containers)

# PACKAGING FAIR FOR FOOD BUSINESSES

# Sponsored by The Lake Street Council

- ⇒ Learn about the Green To Go ordinance
- ⇒ Talk with packaging vendors to learn about containers and packaging that meets the new rules
- ⇒ Get information on Hennepin County business recycling grants

April 2, 2015 8:30 — 11:30 a.m. Midtown YWCA

2121 E Lake Street Minneapolis MN 55407

Ouestions? Contact Matt Kazinka at

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### **NOT ALLOWED**

Rigid polystyrene - plastic marked 6



 Expanded polystyrene (commonly known as styrofoam™)

# **HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSISTANCE**

#### Free:

- Bin set up, labels and signs
- Educational & promotional materials
- Cost savings estimates

### Business Grants up to \$50,000 are available to assist with:

- Start or improve recycling and organics programs
- Bin and equipment purchases
- Installation
- Improvements to loading docks and waste container enclosures (fenced in areas)

www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 311 or visit www.minneapolismn.gov/GreenToGo

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